



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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CERT/Citizen Corps Grant Update & Request for Information

SEMA has received FY2003 funding for the Community Emergency Response Team Training Program totaling \$359,670.00. Citizen Corps will not be funded in FY2003. Currently funded CERT programs will be asked to reapply for the continuation of funds. Communities who have contacted the CERT Program Manager expressing an interest will also be asked to apply. Alysia Beaudoin will continue to be the CERT Program Manager; you can contact her at abeaudoin@sema.state.mo.us.

CERT has been written into the Earthquake Strategic Plan of Missouri since 1997. This plan is currently being updated and must include the following information:

- Number of CERT trained individuals from 1995-2003 (number per year)
- Number of jurisdictions offering CERT training

Please, send this information to Alysia Beaudoin as soon as possible. If you are not currently funded through the CERT grant, we may not be aware of your program and would like to include your information as well. We would also like to invite you to receive CERT training/program emails to support your efforts.

M&Ms Used in Medicine Dispensing Exercise

Over 200 Nixa High School students simulated needing medication after exposure to a biological agent. Based on the information provided by the “victims”, medial screeners reviewed information and directed students to appropriate medication lines during a Springfield Region D Bioterrorism/Emergency Response Team (BERT) exercise. Public Health professionals were able to dispense approximately 275 doses of medication in about 45 minutes. The average victim completed the entire process in 15-20 minutes. Other exercise players included Christian County’s Public Health, Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services, Nixa Fire & Police, Nixa Schools, American Red Cross and SEMA.

SEMA 2004 Training Calendar Posted to Website!

SEMA’s FY 2004 Training Calendar is on the SEMA Website. Since this is a living document, view it often and sign up for classes. As requests for classes are received, more courses may be added. The terrorism training course dates are being finalized and will be added to the training schedule as soon as the contracts are signed.

Remember you can enroll for **free SEMA** classes on our web site (www.sema.state.mo.us)!

Schools & Terrorism NACCT Report Now Available

Schools and Terrorism: A Supplement to the Report of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Terrorism is now available on-line. You can access the document at the following website:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/children/PDF/working/school.pdf> or go to the main page for the National Advisory Committee on Children and Terrorism (www.bt.cdc.gov/children), click on the link for NACCT: Recommendations to the Secretary, and scan down to the Related Links and Materials at the bottom of the page to click on either the PDF or Word version of the Schools and Terrorism document.

This report is a supplement to a comprehensive report to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services with recommendations for addressing the special needs of children as they relate to possible biological, chemical,

radiological, and mass trauma terrorism. The Schools and Terrorism supplement describes in more detail current federal activities and gaps as they relate to schools and makes recommendations to the Secretary on mechanisms to assist schools with the four key components of emergency preparedness: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

86 Missouri Fire Departments Receive \$5.6 Million in Firefighter Grants 21 Departments Awarded Grants since August 22

Eighty-six Missouri Fire Departments have received \$5,624,756 in firefighter grants from the U. S. Fire Administration a division of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. The grant program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments. These funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fire fighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, Emergency Medical Service programs, and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs. Twenty-one Fire Departments received grants totaling \$1,258,849 in funding announcements since August 22.

As of August 22, Fire Departments receiving grants for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Ash Grove Fire & Rescue (\$34,488); Bellflower Volunteer FD (\$27,000); Bois D'Arc FPD (\$42,840); Bynumville FD (\$43,650); Grandin Volunteer FD (\$8,536); Harrison FD (\$60,737); Jamesport Rural FD (\$64,862); Laclede Community FPD (\$50,562); Marion County Rural 11 FD (\$27,630); New Cambria Volunteer FD (\$33,188); Northwest (Silex) FPD (\$45,900); Redings Mill FPD (\$93,195); Rhineland Area Volunteer FD (\$60,246); Savannah Rural FD (\$60,246); Shady Valley FPD (\$94,178); Southern Webster County FPD (\$70,110); and Southwest City Volunteer FD (\$77,036).

Fire Departments receiving grants for firefighting equipment are: Fillmore FDP (\$150,416); Meadville Rural Fire Assn (\$144,000); Southeastern Randolph Fire Assn (\$54,000); and Taberville Community Volunteer FD (\$43,695).

MoVOAD's Position on Local Government Soliciting Disaster Donations

Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MoVOAD) operates on budgets based on donations from members, private and public businesses and the general public. During a disaster, many donors donate to these organizations. In the past several years, some local governments or other political jurisdictions have solicited donations and established 800 telephone numbers to coordinate or solicit disaster donations from the public or business community. The Problem? This "competition" for private donations has decreased the amount of cash available to voluntary organizations – thus negatively impacting the ability of the organizations to provide emergency relief and rehabilitation to disaster "victims."

MoVOAD asks county and municipal governments to recognize and adopt FEMA's Donations Management Policies related to Cash Donations following a disaster: Local governments should establish policies that refer potential donors to voluntary organizations that are providing services to disaster victims. Local governments should not solicit or accept private donations from the public.

SEMA's practices, plans, public information and training have been and continue to be consistent with National VOAD's position on Government Soliciting Disaster Donations.

Homeland Security, Emergency Management Items Awaits Congress in September

Congress will return to Washington the first week of September to complete the first session of the 108th Congress with several emergency management and homeland security items to consider. Congress will be considering: Department of Homeland Security appropriations bills; appropriations package to retain the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) as an all-hazards program at a level of \$165 million or more; First responder grant program authorization legislation. Other "must-do" legislation includes reauthorization packages for the national Pre-disaster Mitigation Program, the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). All programs are set to expire on December 31, 2003.